

Marshalltown Public Library
Board of Trustees
May 24, 2016

PRESENT: Ronnie Manis, Allan Thoreson, Judy Lindholm, Megan Bell, Maureen Lyons, Leah Mattox, Sarah Rosenblum, Sandy Gowdy. **Absent:** Robert Untiedt **Guest:** Alicia Patten

President Maureen Lyons called the meeting to order at 4:31pm.

APRIL 26, 2016 MINUTES: The minutes of the April 26 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

OPERATING BILLS: It was moved and seconded (Thoreson/Lindholm) to approve the bills. The motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

--*Chris Thiessen has resigned* from the board and will be moving to Tennessee in June or July. Robert Untiedt, the new director of the Orpheum Theater, has been appointed by the mayor to fill Chris' term. Robert will be at the next board meeting.

--*FOL Update:* The Friends of the Library membership drive is underway. Newly elected vice president, Alex Grasso, has moved to Des Moines. Jeff Hutton has been appointed to fill that position. The Friends have voted to invest some funds with the Community Foundation. Three members volunteered to work with library staff on a Library Trivia Night. This event might be designated a "membership drive" instead of a "fundraiser," with the intent of encouraging people to join the FOL. **Trustee members restated that they would give one-time permission to serve beer and/or wine if wanted. New FOL board members will be elected in January. Please pass along any names of people who might be interested in serving on the board.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

--*Board member, Allan Thoreson,* questioned the FOL Book Sale policy of deleting memorial books and wondered if family members were notified when a book was deleted from the collection. Book plates are removed, but family members are not notified.

--*The end of the fiscal year is approaching.* We will know in 1-2 weeks if there is extra money left in our budget. Levy money, as well as the Fy16 budget money, will be available July 1.

--*This summer the library will be a lunch site* every Wednesday from June 8-July 27. Free sack lunches will be available for any child aged 1-18. Adults may purchase a lunch. Lunches will be distributed by library staff and volunteers. Volunteers are also needed to interact with and perhaps read to the kids while they are here.

--*"Paws to Read"* is another new program where kids will get to read to a dog.
--*The library will be closed* Saturday, May 28 and Monday, May 30 for the Memorial Day holiday. Summer hours will begin Tuesday, May 31. (Mon-Thur 9-7, Friday 9-6, Sat 9-5)
The new Sunday hours will begin September 11.
--*Summer reading kick-off activities* are planned for kids, teens and adults.
--*Sarah will not be at the June board meeting as she will be on vacation.*
--*Volunteers have been working* on the prairie garden as well as the east side gardens.
--*Youth Services Librarian, Joa LaVille,* was recently awarded the Paul Mann Humanitarian Award by the ISEA. Last year she was recognized by the local school district by being awarded the Friend of Education Award. This year, The Friend of Education Award was given to former Friends of the Library board member, Ruth Yordy. Congratulations to both Joa and Ruth!
--*Ronnie mentioned that the pantrys* at the local schools will be open throughout the summer. Anyone is welcome and able to receive food from these pantrys. Different sites have different hours, so contact a local school for information.

Public Comment:

--Alicia Patten, teacher/librarian at Fisher School, introduced herself and was welcomed by the board.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 28.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm.